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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel


SUBJECT : 87th Congress, 1st Session, H.R. 6183 - A Bill to Provide that the President Shall Designate One Agency of the Federal Government to Conduct All Security Investigations of Civil Officers and Employees of the United States and of Persons Who Apply for Employment as Such Officers and Employees.

REFERENCE : a. Notice of Pending Legislation, dated 13 April 1961.  
b. Memorandum to the Legislative Counsel from the Director of Security re 86th Congress, 1st Session, H.R. 5570, subject as above, dated 7 April 1959.

1. As written this proposed bill would require one agency of the Federal Government to conduct all security investigations of civil officers and employees of the United States and of persons who apply for employment as such officers and employees. An exception would be made concerning security investigations of military personnel required by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

2. Although similar proposals and bills have been advanced in the past without success, I want to be sure that we take whatever steps are necessary to have an exception for this Agency included in any bill such as this.

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Director of Security

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